

# West Kelowna RCMP starting boating pre-checks this weekend

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The volunteer program will be at boat launches doing voluntary safety equipment checks.

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Volunteers from the RCMP will be inspecting boat safety equipment in West Kelowna starting this weekend.

The program is part of an effort to “keep boaters safe and do their part to help avoid tragedy on the water,” West Kelowna RCMP said in a press release on Friday.

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The group of West Kelowna RCMP volunteers will be at the Gellatly Bay boat launch throughout the summer running the program.

“This is strictly a voluntary check, that gives the boat operator the opportunity to correct any deficiencies they might have prior to launching into the water,” said Roy Morgan, West Kelowna RCMP crime prevention co-ordinator with the Regional District of the Central Okanagan.

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West Kelowna RCMP say they will also promote the “Don’t Move a Mussel” and “Clean, Drain, Dry” programs to help prevent invasive species from entering water systems in the Okanagan.